

### Abstract Of The Disclosure

5 A method for operating an internal combustion engine, including the following steps:  
forming a value for a maximum admissible torque, forming a dimension figure for the  
actual torque and comparing the dimension figure to the value and triggering an error  
response if the actual torque exceeds the maximum admissible torque. The value for  
the maximum admissible torque is developed from a first approximation value and an  
estimated value for the torque contribution of an intervention of a fault regulator.  
Also, a control unit as well as its use.